

19 Jan 44
To Ponce
Warrant

My dear Sir

After a long, and (were I
writing to any body else I should
be inclined to say) unpardonable
detention, I send you the copies of
the Shakespeare Papers in my hands
made from the originals still in
Rodd's hands.

I do not find among
them copies of the two warrants ^{for the arrest}
of debtors with the mark of John Shakespeare
when he was bailiff - As I had a
memorandum of them, their absence
was of no consequence to me, but

it will be as well to have them for
the Shakespeare Society, and as Rodd
Stitt has the originals, the deficiency
will be supplied in a few minutes.

The papers (as you will see
when my, now finished though not
quite printed, "Life" comes out) have
been of singular use to me, but
in consequence of being obliged to
confine myself in space I have not
~~hardly~~ ^{by any means} done with them, all I wished.
However, this will be all the better
for the Shakespeare Society, to whom
possession of the originals, by favour
of the owner, I have repeatedly had
occasion to refer.

You must excuse my scribbles
upon them here & there; but my
memoranda are not always to be
trusted, as you will see.

I also return to you with

all fit thankfulness, two of your
volumes of the Great Mag, of which
I hope you have not been in want
during the time they have been
very serviceable to me.

Have you any thing you can
throw into the Shakespeare Society's
Transactions? I think you said that
you had - no matter what. I have
sent in two papers - a friend of
mine has sent in a third, and
Halliwell has sent in three or four

at each Council the papers
sent in in the interval are to be
referred to a select Committee. This
I mentioned as you were not at our
last meeting.

Most sincerely & thankfully yours

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